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 For : INFORMATION PROCESSING APPARATUS, INFORMATION  
       PROCESSING METHOD, PROGRAM RECORDING MEDIUM,  
       AND DATA RECORDING MEDIUM  
 Filed : October 30, 2001  
 Examiner : Worjoh, Jalatee  
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## Claims as Amended

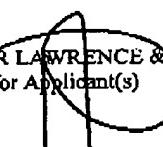
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Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed on June 9, 2006 having a three-month statutory period for response set to expire on August 9, 2006, please amend the above-identified application as follows.

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**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3  
of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 15 of this paper.